

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 04-6254**

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In Re: DEMETRIC GRAY PEARSON,

Petitioner.

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On Petition for Writ of Mandamus.  
(CA-03-564-PJM)

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Submitted: March 25, 2004

Decided: April 2, 2004

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Before TRAXLER, KING, and DUNCAN, Circuit Judges.

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Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Demetric Gray Pearson, Petitioner Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.  
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Demetric Gray Pearson petitions for a writ of mandamus, alleging the district court has unduly delayed acting on his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000) petition. He seeks an order from this court directing the district court to act. Our review of the docket sheet reveals that the district court denied his petition on February 27, 2004. Accordingly, because the district court has recently decided Pearson's case, we deny the mandamus petition as moot. We grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

PETITION DENIED